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DEPT PASS STAFFDEL BALLANCE, KINSHASA FOR FREEMAN FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OREP, PFOR, SREF, SHUM, BC
SUBJECT: REFUGEE ASSESSMENT

1. EMBASSY LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT AND PREPARING SCHEDULE FOR YOUR STAY IN GABORONE ALONG LINES REQUESTED STATE 187690 OF AUGUST 9. AS YOU MAY KNOW YOUR VISIT COINCIDES WITH THAT OF THREE-MAN REFUGEE ASSESSMENT TEAM LED BY AMBASSADOR G. EDWARD CLARK (RETIRED) EMANATING FROM THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT. SINCE YOU AND THE REFUGEE ASSESSMENT TEAM BOTH HAVE INTEREST IN MEETING SOME OF THE SAME OFFICIALS IN THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA, AS WELL AS UNHCR LOCAL REFUGEE OFFICIALS, WE ARE INQUIRING OF YOU (AND CLARK) WHETHER YOU HAVE OBJECTION IF HIS TEAM (OR PART OF IT) JOINED YOU ON SOME APPOINTMENTS. THE ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO REQUEST SUCCESSIVE APPOINTMENTS WITH THE SAME BUSY OFFICIALS (WE HOPE SOME AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL) OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF ONE OR TWO DAYS AND ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

2. IN ADDITION, YOUR PRESENT ITINERARY CALLS FOR YOU TO BE IN GABORONE FOR LESS THAN 24 HOURS WHILE YOUR FRANCISTOWN STAY IS NOW SCHEDULED TO LAST MORE THAN TWO DAYS. THIS SCHEDULE WOULD NOT APPEAR TO GIVE YOU SUFFICIENT TIME FOR FULL RANGE OF APPOINTMENTS IN GABORONE. MOREOVER, OUR EXPERIENCE WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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TRAVEL TO FRANCISTOWN IS THAT 24 HOURS IN THAT CITY WOULD ENABLE YOU TO FULFILL YOUR OBJECTIVES, INCLUDING VISIT TO REFUGEE CAMP. SUGGEST YOU CONSIDER POSTPONING DEPARTURE FOR FRANCISTOWN UNTIL WEDNESDAY AUG 24 VIA FLIGHT BP 134 DEPARTING GABORONE 1545 AND ARRIVING FRANCISTOWN 1700. IF YOU CONCUR WITH THIS PROPOSED CHANGE, EMBASSY WILL REVISE GABORONE-FRANCISTOWN TRAVEL RESERVATIONS ACCORDINGLY.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE ARE ASSUMING THAT YOU HAVE
NOT NOTIFIED GOB OF YOUR INTENTION TO VISIT FRANCISTOWN.
(GOB IS CONCERNED ABOUT SECURITY OF VISITORS TO THIS SENSITIVE
AREA). BASED ON YOUR RESPONSE TO PARA 2 ABOVE, YOUR TRAVEL
PLANS WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO GOB WHICH CONSIDERS AND
DECIDES ON DESIRABILITY AND TIMING OF ALL VISITS. IF VISIT IS
APPROVED, GOB WILL INFORM LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND NOTIFY US.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE REPLY.NORLAND

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